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December 29, 2010

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of
 Patent No.
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: Paul Baillargeon
 : 6,265,983
 : 07/24/2001
 : 09/408,798
 : 09/30/1999
 : FALL PROTECTION SYSTEM AND METHOD
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Dear Sir or Madam,

REQUEST FOR REFUND

The Applicant requests a refund of maintenance and surcharge fees paid in the filing of (1) a Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent and the filing of (2) a Petition to Accept Unavoidably Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent. Neither of these petitions for the above noted application were renewed or granted.

The fees for (1) the Unintentionally Delayed Payment petition were paid by check #16461 and enclosed in a letter sent by Attorney Daniel J. Bourque dated December 17, 2009. This check was in the amount of \$3370.00 and included the 3.5 year maintenance fee for a small entity in the amount of \$490.00, the 7.5 year maintenance fee in the amount of \$1,240.00 and the surcharge fee of \$1,640.00. A copy of the petition and check is attached. In accordance with 37 C.F.R 1.378 (e), Applicant respectfully requests a refund of the maintenance and surcharge fees in the amount of \$3370.00.

In addition, the \$700.00 surcharge fee for the Unavoidably Delayed Payment was paid by Daniels Patent law PLLC in check #1348 with the filing of this petition on June 22, 2010. A copy of the most recently filed petition and check is enclosed. Again, in accordance with 37 C.F.R 1.378 (e), Applicant also respectfully requests a refund of the surcharge fee in the amount of \$700.

Our bank account information is provided for this refund as follows:

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If there is any additional information required, the Official in charge of this matter is requested to please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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PETITION TO ACCEPT UNAVOIDABLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(b))Docket Number (Optional)
BAIPAU P01AUS

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 Fax: (571) 273-8300

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Patent Number: 6,265,983Application Number: 09/408,798Issue Date: 07/24/2001Filing Date: 09/30/1999

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The above-identified patent:

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I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is

(1) being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 OR

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June 22, 2010

Date

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Signature

Scott Daniels

Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate

1. SMALL ENTITY

Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

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NOT Small Entity			Small Entity		
Amount	Fee	(Code)	Amount	Fee	(Code)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	3 ½ yr fee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$ 490.00	3 ½ yr fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	7 ½ yr fee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$ 1240.00	7 ½ yr fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	11 ½ yr fee	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	11 ½ yr fee

MAINTENANCE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 0.00

4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) of \$ 700.00 (Fee Code 1557) must be paid as a condition of accepting unavoidably delayed payment of the maintenance fee.

SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 700.00

5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

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Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ the sum of \$ _____.

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8. SHOWING

The enclosed statement will show that the delay in timely payment of the maintenance fee was unavoidable since reasonable care was taken to ensure that the maintenance fee would be paid timely and that this petition is being filed promptly after the patentee was notified of, or otherwise became aware of, the expiration of the patent. The statement must enumerate the steps taken to ensure timely payment of the maintenance fee, the date and the manner in which the patentee became aware of the expiration of the patent, and the steps taken to file the petition promptly.

9. PETITIONER(S) REQUESTS THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.

/sdaniels68/

June 21, 2010

Date

Scott A. Daniels

42,462

Signature(s) of Petitioner(s)

Registration Number, if applicable

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Address

ENCLOSURES:

- Maintenance Fee Payment
- Statement why maintenance fee was not paid timely
- Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)
- Other: PETITION TO ACCEPT UNAVOIDABLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.378(B)

37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

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Signature

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STATEMENT

(In the space below, please provide the showing of unavoidable delay recited in paragraph 8 above.)

Please see attached.

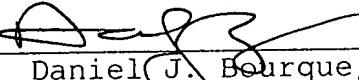
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PATENT

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In re application : Paul D. Baillargeon
Serial No. : 09/408,798
Filed : September 30, 1999
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Examiner : N/A
Attorney's Docket : BAILLAR-001AX

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By: 
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Registration No. 35,457
Attorney for Applicant(s)

L E T T E R

3.5 YEAR MAINTENANCE FEE PAYMENT AND 7.5 YEAR MAINTENANCE FEE
PAYMENT

MAIL STOP PETITION

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Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find our check number 16461 in the amount of \$3,370.00. This check includes \$490.00 for the 3.5 year maintenance fees and \$1,240.00 for 7.5-year maintenance fees on Patent Number 6,265,983 issued on July 24, 2001 to Paul D. Baillargeon as well as and \$1,640.00 for the surcharge fee.

In re: appl: Paul D. Baillargeon
Patent: 6,265,983
Granted: July 24, 2001
Serial Number: 09/408,798
Filed: September 30, 1999

- [X] In the event a Petition for Extension of Time is required by this paper and not otherwise provided, such Petition is hereby made and authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 02-3285 for the cost of such extension.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees under §1.16 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-3285.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul D. Baillargeon

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Date: 18-17-09

PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378 (c))	Docket Number (Optional) BAILLAR-001AX
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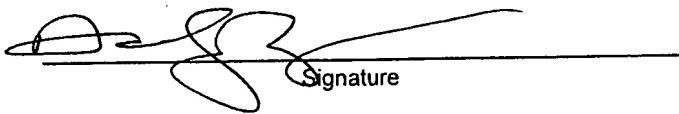
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Date



Signature

Daniel J. Bourque, Esquire

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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.378(c). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1 hour to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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MAINTENANCE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 1,730.00

4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) of \$ 1,640.00 (Fee Code 1558) must be paid as a condition of accepting unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee.

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5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

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8. STATEMENT

The delay in payment of the maintenance fee to this patent was unintentional.

9. PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATE



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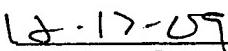
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ENCLOSURES

 Maintenance Fee Payment Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition) _____

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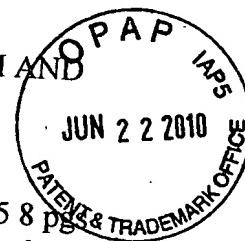
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